

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2012
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 6:30 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library, 3447 S Meridian. Eight (8) DAB members, ten (10) staff and four (4) citizens were present.

Members Present

Councilmember O'Donnell II
Nancy Wilhite
June Bailey
Jerry Warren
Ben Saucedo
Josh Blick
Bruce Werth
Matt Goolsby
John Whitmer

Staff Present

Kelli Geier, City Manager's Office
Bill Longnecker, Planning
6 fire staff
1 police staff
Mark Manning, Finance

Order of Business

Call To Order

Councilmember O'Donnell II called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

The April 2, 2012 agenda was approved as submitted. (**Goolsby/Bailey: 8-0**)

The March 5, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. (**Bailey/Whitmer: 8-0**)

PUBLIC AGENDA

The public agenda allows members of the public to present issues not on the agenda to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to five minutes unless extended by the Board.

1. Scheduled Items

Elora Randleas, Sedgwick County Emergency Communications Support Services Coordinator, addressed the Board regarding when and when not to call 9-1-1. April was 9-1-1 education month and due to the incident last 4th of July when phone lines were too busy with non-emergency fireworks calls to report a fatal traffic accident on Kellogg, emergency communications staff wanted to remind the community that unless it is a life-threatening emergency, you should call a police substation for all non-emergency situations. This includes fireworks, power outages (unless it involves live power lines near the house or in a street, etc. She reminded people to have your address and phone number accessible at

your house in case someone else needs to call 9-1-1 from that location and handed out refrigerator magnets for this purpose.

2. Off-Agenda Items

Don Richter, 1903 S Prescott, addressed the Board regarding Kellogg being designated as a safety corridor. He asked when this happened and suggested that signs be posted stating that it is a safety corridor with the lower speed limit. **Geier** stated that she would look into this.

Mr. Richter also asked about the status of building with no property taxes for 5 years.

Councilmember O'Donnell II stated that the County and USD 259 are still deciding on this and that he would discuss this after the meeting. **Mr. Richter** asked whey there would be specials and not just include the assessments on the mortgage. **Councilmember O'Donnell**

II stated because the interest rates are lower and the assessment does not last as long.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Public Safety Reports

3. Community Police Report

Police staff reported the following:

- 2-3 arrests were made in the YMCA locker break-in cases.
- Increase in meth labs, so citizens need to be aware of smells that you are not used to and pop bottles without pop in them.
- Reminder that substations are now closed on weekends and after 7:00 p.m. on weekdays.
- Identity theft is on the rise, so take important financial documents to your bank to be shredded.

Mr. Richter asked if police could use unmarked cars to patrol for illegal fire use during the 4th of July. **Police staff** responded that that they are too short staffed to do this.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

4. Fire Report

- There were 3 fires in district IV in the month of April, of which 2 of those were accidental and 1 was incendiary.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

5. 2013-2014 Budget

Mark Manning, Finance, presented this item. The City Manager is in the process of coordinating the development of the 2013 – 2014 Proposed Budget. Community input is being sought to define priorities and develop ideas to incorporate into the budget.

Manning explained that while City revenues are up, they are not as high as expected. He stated that the property tax valuation has been flat for 4 years and that the mill levy has been flat for 19 years. The mill levy has shifted and it is now time to pay back and it may even decrease. **Manning** further explained that natural gas prices are low due to increased production, so the revenue that comes from this has decreased. He stated that interest rates are also lower. Finally, he remarked that 70% of the City budget expenditures are wages and benefits. These costs keep increasing due to adding more employees, rising health insurance costs and pension rate changes.

Sauceda asked how public vs. private pensions compare. **Manning** stated that the City contributes about 8% to its employees pensions.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

6. CON2012-00015

Bill Longnecker, Planning, will present this conditional use request to relocate a wireless communication tower at South High School, generally located south of 33rd Street South, and one quarter mile east of Seneca (701 West 33rd Street South).

Ron Drasik, 3415 S Wood, expressed concern over the microwaves being so close to the high school. **USD 259 staff** stated that they have seen nothing that shows concern with these types of transmissions being close to the school and young adults and that this request is in compliance with state and federal guidelines. **Mr. Drasik** also asked exactly what does the tower do. **USD 259 staff** stated that it transmits wireless communications signals.

Sauceda asked if there was already a tower there. **USD 259 staff** responded that there was a tower already there.

Whitmer asked if the tower will be the same size as now. **USD 259 staff** said that it will be the same size as it currently is.

Action Taken: (**Sauceda/Whitmer**) moved to recommend that the conditional use request be approved subject to the conditions listed in the staff report. Motion passed 7-1. (**Goolsby**)

7. CON2012-00016

Bill Longnecker, Planning, will present this conditional use request for a daycare, General in SF-5 Single-family Residential ("SF 5") zoning, generally located east of South Seneca and south of Burton (304 South Seneca.)

The Board, nor citizens, present had questions or comments.

Action Taken: (Whitmer/Warren) moved to recommend approval of the conditional use request. Motion passed 8-0.

8. **ZON2012-00011**

Bill Longnecker, Planning, will present this request for a zone change from SF 5 Single family Residential ("SF 5") to GO General Office ("GO") for a medical clinic at Dodge Elementary School, generally located west of Anna and south of 2nd Street (4801 West 2nd Street North).

Blick stated that he would have to abstain from this vote, since his wife works for the applicant.

Warren asked if City staff has seen a final site plan for this request. He stated that he has concerns regarding adequate parking in this area. **Longnecker** replied that the applicant will have to meet all parking requirements as stated in City code and that the medical clinic will be treated as a separate entity, so there will have to be parking in close proximity to the site which will have to be addressed during the platting process.

Bailey asked what amount of parking would be required for this site. **Longnecker** said that parking would be addressed per City code. **Bailey** also asked that the hours of the medical clinic would be. **Longnecker** replied Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Goolsby asked if the clinic will be adjoined to the school. **Longnecker** responded that the clinic will be part of the school. Goolsby also commented that the applicant needs to be required to provide additional parking on 1st Street and the school being closed during the summer needs to also be taken into consideration.

Action Taken: (Warren/Bailey) moved that this item be deferred until next month until more information can be collected and provided to the Board. Motion passed 7-0-1.

OLD BUSINESS

No items were submitted.

BOARD AGENDA

Board Updates and Issues

- **Whitmer** asked for a status updated on the Pure Entertainment issue. Councilmember O'Donnell II stated that they are not responding to police or the City, but the issue is still being looked into.
- **Blick** said that the Southwest Neighborhood Association is having issues with criminal activity and is working with the community police officers to address this (i.e. vandalism at Osage Park.)

Adjournment With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.